

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council held on Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2021  
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Present were Cllrs R Hiron; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs B Finch; Mrs S Jones (joined part-way through); M Lanham; R List; D Ladd and P Wynn, together with Mrs K Sieloff, clerk to the Parish Council.

**141/21 Public session.** There were 3 Members of the Public present.

One member of the public reported that 'Keep Clear: No Parking' signage in the centre of the village is frequently not adhered to. Clerk to report to SC.

**142/21 Apologies** received from Cllrs Mrs S Short; Mrs D Foster; Mrs L Baer; J Whelan and J Allen.

**143/21 For members to disclose** pecuniary or impecuniary interests. None were declared.

**144/21 The Minutes** of the previous meeting held on September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021, previously circulated, were agreed to be a true record. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Rainford that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour and the Chairman duly signed.

**145/21 Actions arising from the Minutes** that are not on the Agenda. There were none.

**146/21 Shropshire Council Report.** Cllr Wynn's report made the following points:

- The Relief Road planning application will come to SC Planning Committee December/January.
- Highways department at SC is to be allocated huge funding.
- There are currently several on-going Planning Enforcement investigations underway in the Parish.
- SC has recently appointed two new Planning Enforcement officers, making a total of four under the leadership of Emma Green.

**147/21 Community Policing.**

There was no report available.

**148/21** Rose Dovey, Active Travel Manager at Shropshire Council, who was to have delivered a report about a possible Prees Cycleway/Station Road Footpath, had advised that a colleague would be available for the November meeting. Item carried forward.

**149/21 Planning:**

Current planning applications for consultation

- FOR INFORMATION ONLY. 21/04532/CPL: Application for a lawful development certificate for the proposed replacement of a conservatory with a garden room. Moreton Oaks, Moreton Street, Prees SY13 2EF. Applicant: Mr Barry Collins. The Parish Council noted the application.
- 21/04347/FUL: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the change of use of land for the siting of 8No caravans (1No part time residential and 7No welfare units) at Manor House Lane in conjunction with the management of rearing game birds. Applicant: Cheshire Game Supplies (Mr A Growcott, Land South Manor House, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire.) The Parish Council understood that this was a retrospective application. It resolved to object to the application because of the visual impact the caravans would make and the lack of clarity concerning the time period in which they would be in use. It was also

concerned about where the caravans would be stored when not being used. The objection was proposed by Cllr Hirons and seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.

- 21/04457/FUL: Erection of extension of utility block to provide day rooms. 1 Woodcraft Caravan Park, Preeswood, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicant: Mr Nathan Roberts.

The Parish Council resolved to support this application. Proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

- 21/04559/VAR: Variation of Conditions No 4 (approved plans) and No 8 (vehicular access) attached to planning permission allowed on appeal reference APP/L3245/W/18/3205100 dated 23.11.18, original planning reference 17/06143/OUT. Silver Birch, Mill Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch SY13 2HR. Applicant: Shingler Homes Ltd.

The Parish Council resolved to object to the proposed varying of the conditions.

Proposed by Cllr Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council.

- 21/03659/FUL: A W Jenkinson Forest Products, Hangar 1 Site 3, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2HA. Change of use of agricultural land to create an area for the laying out and turning of timber product to create peat free compost. Decision: Grant Permission.
- 21/03661/FUL: The Crest, Lacon Street, Prees SY13 2EP. Refurbishment of existing detached annexe and double garage including new dormer windows replacing existing dormers. Decision: Grant Permission.
- 21/03711/FUL: 14 Woodlands Grove, Prees Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2JB. Erection of single storey side extension. Decision: Grant Permission.
- 21/03152/FUL: 16 Moreton Street, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2EG. Decision: Grant Permission.
- 21/03202/LBC: The Clock House, Sandford, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2AW. Replacement of 3No single glazed windows with double glazed units and replacement of 1No door affecting a Grade II Listed Building. Decision: Grant Permission.

### **150/21. Parish and Parish Council Matters**

#### **Report obtained by Cllr Mrs Short from the Practice Manager at Prees Medical Practice.**

Cllr Hirons read out the report as follows:

*It continues to be an extremely busy period.*

*The Practice is entering into the flu vaccinating programme for the over 65's and the under 65's will follow. However, this has been hampered by delays in their delivery. Further clinics are to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup> of October for under 65's.*

*Both Practices continue to be very busy often taking in excess of 250 calls per day. In September alone 534 e-consultations were received.*

*We are also seeing lots of patients, the Waiting Room may look quiet but this is because appointment times are staggered to avoid too many in the area at any one time.*

*We have many clinicians working from both sites, Physiotherapist, Social Prescriber, Diabetic Nurse, Mental Health Nurse, Health Care Assistants, Phlebotomists, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacy Technician and of course the GPs.*

*We have recently completed building works on two more clinical rooms as we are in need of the space for clinicians as you can see from the list above.*

*We are busy recruiting more staff. More nurses, and have welcomed two nurses this September. Three more receptionists started recently with a fourth arriving next week, also a new pharmacist and a new trainee dispenser.*

*Unfortunately, we are experiencing absences due to Covid and high levels of sickness since the children have returned to schools. This has meant that we are this (last week in September) week working within our business continuity plan, CCG have been informed. Business will resume, with better numbers, as normal on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.*

**Youth Shelter/Youth Engagement.**

CCTV camera at Youth Shelter. Cllr D Ladd reported that the camera seems to be working well and there had been no untoward incidents to report.

Possibility of appointing Youth Ambassadors: Clerk to invite representative from the Youth Service to attend a PC meeting, to advise.

**Bench for bus shelter in Heathwood Road, Higher Heath.** The clerk recommended the purchase of a simple bench made from robust recycled materials and securely fixed. It was unanimously agreed that this would be adequate and the clerk was asked to obtain costings.

**Playgrounds.**

Possible modifications to trees at Prees playground. Clerk has asked local tree-surgeon to quote for removal of lower branches to discourage climbing.

Clerk has purchased and installed new padlock and chain on big gates at Prees playground.

**New Parish Council website.**

Clerk reported that this is now ready for use ([preesparish.org.uk](http://preesparish.org.uk)).

**Parish Council involvement in Remembrance Day 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

The clerk reported that full Remembrance Day services will be held by the war memorials at Prees (10.40am) and Fauls (6.30pm.) Cllr Mrs B Rainford volunteered to lay the PC wreath at Prees and it was assumed, in his absence, that Cllr J Allen would as usual be happy to lay the one at Fauls. Clerk will check.

**Report from Shawbury Helicopter Noise Liaison Group meeting 12.10.21.**

The following report was provided by Cllr Mrs Short who had attended the meeting on-line. *I attended this meeting, together with over 30 other town and parish councillors from Shropshire.*

*The Station Commander, Group Captain Wadlow reported to the meeting on the present issues surrounding the work of RAF Shawbury.*

*The training of personnel continues, and considerable efforts are made that the flying training is not concentrated in one particular area, and that notification of night training is published to all councils.*

*Group Captain Wadlow reported that although flying hours had remained roughly the same during the pandemic and in 2021, the number of complaints had increased slightly, and there had also been an increase in repeat complaints. Considerable effort had been taken to communicate with all these individuals, and it is thought that the increase of people working at home and people new to Shropshire (particularly from cities) had contributed to this effect.*

*Complaints to RAF Shawbury: 2019 = 125, 2020 = 175, 2021 to date = 190*

*The meeting was also informed that Shropshire Council had received only one complaint.*

*Request: The Councils in Shropshire were requested to circulate the information concerning night flying exercises (we are informed and have actioned), if possible on parish notice boards and their parish Facebook site, if they have one.*

*It was emphasised that the base undertakes considerable public relations work to ensure that their work is understood by the entire County, and the Station Commander thanked the members of the Helicopter Noise Liaison Group for work in this respect.*

**Police and Crime Commissioner’s consultation on draft of Safer West Mercia Plan 2021-2025.**

Cllr Hirons asked the cllrs to respond individually and reminded them that the consultation closes 1.11.21.

**A41 log. Anything to report?**

It was reported that there had been lights controlling the traffic on the bridge at Sandford that day.

**Housekeeping. Anything to report?**

Clerk reported that reports of streetlamp malfunctions are starting to come in now, with the changing of the clocks. She had noted two reported to her by Cllr Lanham before the meeting started.

**Facebook.** Cllr D Ladd advised there was nothing currently to report.

**151/21: Accounting Matters**

- Accounts for payment October 2021. Cllr Mrs B Rainford proposed that the following accounts should be paid and this was seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary October 2021	464.32
HMRC (PAYE)	3.80
Clerks expenditure 9.9.21-13.10.21 (see below)	241.74
Scottish Power (streetlight energy 31.8.21-30.9.21)	124.11
Groundforce Landscape Ltd (works September 2021)	313.20
Salop Hire Services Ltd (Heras fencing rental August)	106.28
Salop Hire Services Ltd (part month rental/dismantle/collect)	<u>112.28</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1365.73</b>

Clerk’s expenditure 9.9.21-13.10.21  
*Mobile phone (Moto G10): £119.99*  
*BT line rental contribution October: £12.50*  
*Stamps: 12 x 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps @66p=£7.92*  
*Printer cartridge: £15.57*  
*13x lanyards with badge-holders: £23.27*  
*12 x hi-viz vests: £62.49*

*Total = £241.74*

- Clerk requests retrospective authorisation for short-notice attendance at SALC Budget-Setting training 12.10.21 at a cost of £30.00. Cllr Mrs B Rainford proposed that the PC should pay for this training and this was seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.
- The Clerk requests authorization to attend online training course titled Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration at a cost of £120.00 plus VAT. Cllr Mrs B Rainford proposed that the clerk should be authorised to attend at the Parish Council’s expense and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.
- Review of Bank Reconciliation and Payments/Receipts for September 2021. The clerk talked the meeting through these documents. No concerns were identified.

- End of second quarter: review of actual spend against budget. There were no concerns raised.
- Consideration of following possible changes to banking arrangements. The clerk reported that the Finance Working Party had been unable to meet. Carried forward.
- Preparation for Budget for year 2022-2023. The Parish Councillors were asked to consider whether they had any ideas for projects that would need to be taken into consideration when setting the new Budget. Cllr M Lanham raised the idea of asking the PC to fund the provision of round numbered way-markers for local paths that the volunteer group he organises had worked to clear and bring back into useable condition for the community.  
Cllr Hirons particularly asked that the Parish Council's appreciation of the sustained and committed work achieved by the group of volunteers should be minuted. Cllr Lanham said that he would obtain some costings for the way-markers and bring them to the Parish Council for its consideration.

**152/21 SALC.** Nothing to report. Cllr Mrs Rainford had not been available to attend the previous nights meeting.

**153/21 Correspondence.**

Clerk reported she had received an email from a resident requesting that the PC consider the provision of a footpath down to the railway station. Clerk has replied advising that the PC is currently investigating the possibility of such a path.

**154/21 Items for next Agenda.**

Forthcoming budget-setting.  
PC to consider funding pole(s) for vehicle speed monitor?

**155/21 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS:** It was resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information. (The matter to be discussed was a possible pay award to the clerk.)

This was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour and attending members of the public left the meeting before discussion continued.

Meeting was closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed..... Date.....